

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
THE SOMERSET RARITAN VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
JULY 26, 2021**

Minute 1 - Opening of Meeting

The Board Meeting of the Somerset Raritan Valley Sewerage Authority was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Michael Impellizeri.

Minute 2 - Open Public Meetings Announcement

The Open Public Meeting Announcement was read by the Executive Director, Ronald S. Anastasio.

Minute 3 - Roll Call

Robert Albano	Present	Philip Petrone	Present
Louis Esposito, Jr	<i>Absent</i>	Spencer Pierini	Present (Teams)
Joseph Lifrieri	Present	Gail Quabeck	Present (Teams)
Edward Machala	Present	Randy Smith	Present (Teams)
Richard Mathews	Present	Peter Stires	<i>Absent</i>
Michael Pappas	Present (Teams)	Michael Impellizeri	Present

Authority Staff

Ronald Anastasio, P.E., Executive Director	Present
Sherwin Ulep, P.E., Facility Engineer	Present (Teams)
Anthony Tambasco, Plant Superintendent	<i>Absent</i>
Michael Ingenito, Chief Plant Operator	<i>Absent</i>
Dennis Smith, Supervisor Liquid Division	Present
Ellie Hoffman, P.E., Regulatory Compliance Engineer	<i>Absent</i>
Linda Hering, Human Resources Manager	Present
Peter Wozniak, Chief Financial Officer	Present (Teams)

Professional Staff

Thomas Schoettle, P.E., CDM Smith	Present (Teams)
Brad Carney, Esq., Maraziti Falcon, LLP	Present (Teams)

Minute 4 – Pledge of Allegiance

All in attendance saluted the flag.

Minute 5 – Approval of Minutes

1. Board Meeting Open Session Minutes – June 28, 2021

Mr. Lifrieri had one comment on the Open Session Minutes. On Page 8, about ten lines up from the bottom of the page, it states “we’re ahead of time game”. It should read “we’re ahead of **the** game”. With that one correction and with the Motion of Mr. Albano, Second of Mr. Mathews, the Minutes of the June 28, 2021 Meeting (Open Session), were approved by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote:

Robert Albano	Yes	Philip Petrone	Yes
Louis Esposito, Jr	Absent	Spencer Pierini	<i>Abstain</i>
Joseph Lifrieri	Yes	Gail Quabeck	Yes
Edward Machala	Yes	Randy Smith	Yes
Richard Mathews	Yes	Peter Stires	Absent
Michael Pappas	Yes	Michael Impellizeri	Yes

2. Board Meeting Closed Session Minutes – June 28, 2021

With the Motion of Mr. Lifrieri, Second of Mr. Machala, the Minutes of the June 28, 2021 Meeting (Closed Session), were approved by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote:

Robert Albano	Yes	Philip Petrone	Yes
Louis Esposito, Jr	Absent	Spencer Pierini	<i>Abstain</i>
Joseph Lifrieri	Yes	Gail Quabeck	Yes
Edward Machala	Yes	Randy Smith	Yes
Richard Mathews	Yes	Peter Stires	Absent
Michael Pappas	Yes	Michael Impellizeri	Yes

Minute 6 – Public Hearing – NONE

Minute 7 – Public Participation -None Present

Minute 8 – Consent Agenda: Resolutions for Consideration and Possible Formal Action

Mr. Anastasio indicated there is a correction to Resolution No. 21-0726-1. In Warren Township, the address is listed as “6 Forest Drive”, not “Forest Lane”.

- 1) **Res. No. 21-0726-1** – Resolution Consenting to the Proposed Revision to the Upper Raritan Water Quality Management Plan – 6 Forest Drive, Warren Township

Upon Motion by Mr. Lifrieri, Second of Mr. Albano, Res. No. 21-0726-1 was approved by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote:

Robert Albano	Yes	Philip Petrone	Yes
Louis Esposito, Jr	Absent	Spencer Pierini	<i>Abstain</i>
Joseph Lifrieri	Yes	Gail Quabeck	Yes
Edward Machala	Yes	Randy Smith	Yes
Richard Mathews	Yes	Peter Stires	Absent
Michael Pappas	Yes	Michael Impellizeri	Yes

Minute 9 – Board Committees – NONE

Minute 10 – Chairman – Nothing to Report. Mr. Impellizeri just wanted to thank everyone for their diligence and keeping an eye on the Sewerage Authority.

Minute 11 - Reports

A. Executive Director’s Report

1. Update on Storm Control Treatment Facility Construction Project:

Mr. Anastasio stated that PKF (the contractor) continues to make good progress on the project. The primary clarifier cover has been completed, and the final electrical work continues. We are entering the phase of the project where the instrumentation control system is being finalized.

2. Update on the Plantwide Electrical Rehabilitation Project:

Mr. Anastasio stated that TCI (the contractor) continues to make good progress on the project. They are currently working on Work Groups 6 & 7, which involve the conduit and conductor installations to the circular final clarifiers, and also preparing for the installation of the MCC (motor control center) in the 600 Building. They are also wrapping up some small details on Work Group 5, which is the Multi-Media Filter System in preparation for its start-up.

3. Update on Discussions with Somerset County Regarding Request of Funds from the American Rescue Plan

Mr. Anastasio reported that Somerset County has received SRVSA's request and is forming a committee to determine the best ways to spend the funds received under this federal program. County Administrator Mahr appreciates the information that we have provided, and she indicated that she will reach out if further information is needed.

4. Report on the July 3rd Incinerator Shutdown & Emergency Repairs

Mr. Anastasio reported that on July 3rd, it was discovered that the R2 incinerator had experienced a failure in the welds on its roof structure, causing ash and heat to escape. The unit was fully shut down and we began hauling sludge offsite for disposal. We decided that would have to declare an emergency to expedite the repairs and get the unit back into service as quickly as possible. We proceeded to have the operators run the fluidizing air blower to facilitate cooling of the unit so that we can determine the extent of the damage. We then proceeded to have the Authority's thermal engineer, Chavond-Barry Engineering (CBE) to perform an inspection of the entire system and to prepare a work scope. We proceeded to contact several contractors experienced in incinerator construction to provide a quote for these repairs. We expect the repair cost to be within the \$60,000 to \$90,000 range and to take several weeks to complete, depending on the availability of materials. In the meantime, we continue to haul sludge offsite for disposal, and we are optimizing all available disposal options to minimize this cost.

a. **Res. No. 21-0726-2** – Resolution Affirming the Declaration of an Emergency for the Repairs to the R2 Incinerator

Upon a Motion of Mr. Machala, Second of Mr. Lifrieri, Res. No. 21-0726-2 was approved by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote:

Robert Albano	Yes	Philip Petrone	Yes
Louis Esposito, Jr	Absent	Spencer Pierini	Yes
Joseph Lifrieri	Yes	Gail Quabeck	Yes
Edward Machala	Yes	Randy Smith	Yes
Richard Mathews	Yes	Peter Stires	Absent
Michael Pappas	Yes	Michael Impellizeri	Yes

5. Report on Options for Evaluation of the Storm Control Pumping Station Forcemain Pipe.

Engineer Schoettle reported on the progress of exploring the options for evaluating the condition of the existing 36-inch pump station forcemain. There is one predominant vendor who has the technology and experience to provide a comprehensive condition assessment, and given the limited number of companies available, these services are typically priced through negotiations with the engineer and provided as a professional service. The Authority staff is working with Mr. David Tanzi of CDM Smith in discussions with Pure Technologies regarding the specific aspects of the pipeline and the available inspection methods.

Mr. Anastasio added that the next step is to schedule a field visit then to finalize the methods that will be used to perform the inspection. A brief discussion ensued regarding questions about the pipeline, including the effects of stray currents have on the steel within the pipe structure.

B. Engineer/Consultants – CDM Smith Engineer’s Report for June – Mr. Schoettle indicated he had nothing further to add to his report but would be happy to answer any questions. None were stated.

C. Attorney – Maraziti Falcon, LLP – No reports this evening.

D. Department Reports:

1. Operations
2. Laboratory
3. Maintenance/Electrical
4. Special Projects

E. Facility Engineer Reports:

1. Capacity Allocation
2. Capacity Assurance
3. Monthly Flow Report
4. Facility Engineer’s Monthly Report

12. Communications

- A. NJDEP, Division of Water Quality; Residual Transfer Report; Reporting Period 5/1/21-5/31/21
- B. NJDEP, Division of Water Quality; Surface Water Discharge Monitoring Report; Reporting Period 5/1/21-5/31/21
- C. NJDEP, Division of Water Quality; Residuals Discharge Monitoring Report; Reporting Period 5/1/21-5/31/21

13. Payroll – Res. No. 21-0726-3

Upon Motion by Mr. Albano, Second of Mr. Mathews, said Resolution was approved by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote:

Robert Albano	Yes	Philip Petrone	Yes
Louis Esposito, Jr	Absent	Spencer Pierini	Yes
Joseph Lifrieri	Yes	Gail Quabeck	Yes
Edward Machala	Yes	Randy Smith	Yes
Richard Mathews	Yes	Peter Stires	Absent
Michael Pappas	Yes	Michael Impellizeri	Yes

14. Bills – Res. No. 21-072604

Upon Motion by Mr. Albano and Second of Mr. Machala, said Resolution was approved by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote:

Robert Albano	Yes	Philip Petrone	Yes
Louis Esposito, Jr	Absent	Spencer Pierini	Yes
Joseph Lifrieri	Yes	Gail Quabeck	Yes
Edward Machala	Yes	Randy Smith	Yes
Richard Mathews	Yes	Peter Stires	Absent
Michael Pappas	Yes	Michael Impellizeri	Yes

15. Adjournment

Upon Motion of Mr. Mathews, Second of Mr. Lifrieri, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

Robert Albano	Yes	Philip Petrone	Yes
Louis Esposito, Jr	Absent	Spencer Pierini	Yes
Joseph Lifrieri	Yes	Gail Quabeck	Yes
Edward Machala	Yes	Randy Smith	Yes
Richard Mathews	Yes	Peter Stires	Absent
Michael Pappas	Yes	Michael Impellizeri	Yes

**NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
AUGUST 23, 2021**